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NOTES ON PRIORITY OF PLANT NAMES.

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The following names of families taken mostly from the Flora of Anjou, 1827, by Desvaux must be given priority over such as are now accepted or in cases where the names are not different, they should be accredited to that author rather than to the ones who have hitherto been considered as their authors. I shall lay stress only on those ending in *aceae*, such being commonly held to. Desvaux has, however, others which by right of priority should be used, though prejudice has kept many botanists nowadays from using names not ending in *aceae*.

Monotropaceae Desv., 1827, p. 172, instead of Lindley, 1836.

Rhamnaceae Desv., 1827, p. 355, instead of Dumortier, 1851.

Polygalaceae Desv., 1827, p. 333, instead of Reichenbach, 1828.

Salicariaceae Desv., 1827, p. 320, instead of *Lythraceae*, Lindley, 1836.

Saxifragaceae Desv., 1827, p. 312, instead of Dumortier, 1829.

Berberidaceae Desv., 1827, p. 293, instead of Torrey and Gray, 1858.

Apocynaceae Desv., 1827, p. 188, instead of Lindley, 1836.

Jasminaceae Desv., 1827, p. 187 (188 in Index), instead of *Oleaceae* Lindley, 1836.

Gentianaceae Desv., 1827, p. 184, instead of Dumortier, 1829.

Polygonaceae Desv., 1827, p. 127, instead of Lindley, 1836.

Daphnaceae Desv., 1827, p. 176, instead of Reichenbach, 1828.

Oenotheraceae Desv., 1827, p. 318, antedates *Onagraceae* Dumortier, 1829. Both must yield to *Epilobiaceae* Vent, 1799.

Among the principal names not ending in *aceae* antedating those now held are the following of Desvaux, *Violineae*, *Cistineae*, *Dioscorineae*, *Portulacineae*, *Opuntiateae*, (*Opuntiaceae* in Index).

Heister in 1755* first published the name *Malvaceae* for the Mallow family, and that too fifteen years before Necker's publication and two years antedating Zinn.† The name *Liliaceae* Heister, 1755, antedates the publication of Zinn.†

* Heister, L., Beschreibung eines Neuen Geschlechts Africkanischen Pflanze (*Brunsvigia*). Braunschweig, 1755., p. 16.

† See Am. Mid. Naturalist. Vol. I., p. 112.